

# Select Board Minutes

July 13, 2021

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

**Select Board Present:** Keri Thompson, Chair  
Corey Evans  
Jack Creighton  
Diane Kennedy  
Jean Healey Dippold

**Others Participating:** Christopher Senior, Town Manager

**Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call Vote, All present.**

**Pledge**-Recited.

**Public Comment**-None.

**Town Clerk Retirement/Interim Appointment**-Mr. Senior advised the Board that Town Clerk Carol St. Pierre has announce her plans to retire after more than two decades of service to the Town. After discussing with HR Director Miriam Johnson, he is recommending that the Select Board consider making an interim appointment of an experienced Clerk to fill the position until the next election. Miriam Johnson reviewed the recruiting process and timeline. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that advertising for an experienced Clerk until the next election would be the best way to go.

**Town Manager Annual Review**-Each member of the Board had the opportunity to give a summary of the Town Manager’s overall performance. Mr. Senior read a prepared statement in response to his review.

**Motion by Select Member Evans to move the approval of minutes to the next item on the agenda, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

**Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the minutes of 6/8/2021 and 6/10/2021, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Jack Creighton-Nay, Corey Evans-Aye, Jean Healey Dippold-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 6/3/2021 as amended, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote: Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Jean Healey Dippold abstained. Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 5/25/2021 with changes discussed, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote: Jack Creighton-Nay, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Jean Healey Dippold abstained.

**Motion by Select Member Evans to move the licenses/permits/events to the next agenda item, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**License/Permits/Events-Safe Harbor Vigil**-Program Director Nicole Balaschi gave an overview of the International Overdose Awareness Day event on August 31<sup>st</sup> on the Town Common. The event will take

place from 6:45-8:00 p.m. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the Safe Harbor Vigil on August 31, 2021, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

**Red Lion Inn-Change of Manager**-Owner Ted Lubitz and applicant Tony Dochev were present. Mr. Dochev gave an overview of his experience and background. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve Tony Dochev as the manager for the Red Lion Inn, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.** Jean Healey Dippold abstained from the vote and discussion.

**FY21 Year End Transfers**-Joint with Advisory Committee-The Advisory Committee called their meeting to order. Finance Director Don Piatt reviewed the year end transfers totaling \$588,600. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the FY21 year-end transfers of \$588,600 as presented, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.** The Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the transfers and adjourned their meeting.

**Filming Request**-Countess Productions LLC-Assistant Location Manager Chris Arena reviewed the filming dates and is requesting permission to have fireworks on 7/30/2021 and 8/4/2021. The Board had a brief discussion about the time of the fireworks. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to allow the filming and fireworks and if possible, no later than 2 a.m. and to notify neighbors by pamphlet outreach, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

**Field Use-Next Steps**-Chairperson Thompson stated they have had a couple of productive meetings so far. Select Member Dippold stated there was an article approved at ATM for \$40,000 for field and tennis court study. They are in the fact gathering and needs analysis stage. The next steps would be to talk with the schools, recreation, and community stakeholders.

**Motion by Select Member Kennedy to move the Housing Authority Interviews to the next item on the agenda, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

**Board/Committee Interviews/Appointments & Updates-Housing Authority Resident Interviews**-Applicant Virginia Najmi gave an overview of her background and her interest in the committee. Chairperson Thompson stated the other two applicants had conflicts and will be interviewed at the next meeting.

**Intermunicipal Agreement for Animal Control Officer**-Chief Quigley advised the Board that the town had an agreement with Hull and Norwell. Hull has decided to go in a different direction. He is looking to have the Board approve the concept of an agreement with Norwell. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the concept of an Intermunicipal Agreement for Animal Control Officer with Norwell, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

**School Facilities Committee Interviews**-Chairperson Thompson stated there are three applicants that weren't available to be interviewed tonight. They will reschedule. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the selection process.

**Update on Legal RFQ Process**-Contract & Procurement Manager Michelle Leary stated she has received all questions back from firms. The interviews are scheduled for 7/22/2021. The interview for special counsel will be on 7/27/2021. Chairperson Thompson asked that the board members review the responses to prepare for the interviews.

**Town Manager Update**-Mr. Senior stated they are in the final stages of hiring an Assistant Recreation Director and they have a couple of finalists for the Conservation Agent.

**Select Board Comments**-Chairperson Thompson reminded everyone about the interim Town Clerk's position. Select Member Kennedy asked Mr. Senior to look into an email the Board received requesting a stop sign in the Margin/Stockbridge Street area. Select Member Dippold thanked Mr. Senior for his efforts in moving forward with the process of hiring a Conservation Agent. She also stated with the recent events in Florida with the building that collapsed, she wants to make sure employees will be in a safe building as they look for an interim location. Select Member Evans advised the Board that the Planning Director Lauren Lind is the Vice Chair of MAPC, and they are looking at doing a last mile study which looks into whether a Town needs local transportation. He attended the AEC meeting where they were discussing getting solar panels in a lot of different areas. They are running into a roadblock with National Grid. They are trying to require that the Town make some very expensive upgrades to substations. Select Member Creighton thanked everyone on boards and committees for all their work and for everyone's work, including Mr. Senior, on the Conservation Commission agent.

**Motion by Select Member Creighton to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Jean Dippold-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Thompson, Chair

**Documents**

Town Clerk Info

FY21 Year End Transfers

Safe Harbor Vigil

Red Lion Inn Change of Manager

Intermunicipal Agreement for ACO

Housing Authority Applications

School Committee Applications

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